

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR COUNCIL MEETING June 1, 2015

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session on **Monday, June 1, 2015**. Mayor Hubble called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a moment of prayer. Cochran, Lang, Lapp, Lloyd, Slutz & Vincent answered roll call.

Lloyd moved-seconded by Cochran to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, bills paid, and financials. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Clerk read the bills for the month of May, totaling \$71,779.53 which included the purchase of the new pick-up truck. Lloyd motioned, seconded by Cochran to approve the bills. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Jessica Gard with the Bolivar Library gave an annual report and update of upcoming summer events at the library. She reported the following: Summer reading started today; Thursday, June 4 will be the summer kick-off from 4-7p; summer agenda includes movie nights & craft programs.

In the past year, the Bolivar Library has issued 157 new library cards. Last year the library helped at the Bolivar Strawberry Festival; distributed over 600 balloon animals and offered face paintings.

Jessica thanked the community for their support. In addition, she thanked the Village of Bolivar for rapidly working towards getting the door fixed.

Derek from Rockys attended the meeting. Armstrong asked Derek to check with his attorney, Dick Fox, to check his position on bid requirements for municipal property. Typically it would be bid out for a municipal sale and it would have to be advertised for five (5) weeks. In total, it would take approximately 1.5 months to complete.

Lebold stated he was under the impression Derek was seeking to have a section of the alley vacated. Cochran was under impression it was to be a sale. Armstrong said the issue has to go to council. Lebold agree with Armstrong that more discussion needs to take place. On the 15th of June there will be a special meeting at 5:30 to address the property proposal. Attorney Fox will also be present on behalf of his client Derek.

Lloyd questioned the chain of command and said there seems to be a lot of confusion. Lebold continued to explain the zoning to council process.

Chief Lynch from the Bolivar Fire Department attended the meeting. He gave a monthly call report from the FD to the Council. He also mentioned they have been receiving applicants for the 5k race during the Strawberry Festival. Parade planning is under way as well.

Resident Nancy McCartney attended meeting to check the status of the ongoing water run-off problem she has been experiencing for the past year. Water is coming into her garage and ruining the floor. She is very upset as nothing has

been done to correct the problem. Franks said he will contact the two business owners again that is responsible for the drainage; this time giving them a deadline to respond. There was additional discussion about local vs state codes and who bears responsibility. The Mayor requested Attorney Armstrong to research this and have an answer for the special meeting.

MAYOR HUBBLE – Announced the recyclable totals for the year are 69.82 which is a 10% increase over 2014. In addition, the Village is being awarded \$768.02 as a recycling incentive, to be donated to a charity of the villages choice. Last year council selected the Loving Hearts Foundation located in the township.

Cochran moved, seconded by Vincent to designate the Loving Hearts Foundation to receive the awarded money again for 2015. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

As a reminder, the Strawberry Festival is coming up. There are currently 60+ vendors, crafter and food vendors. Also, Chris Higbee will be the feature band on Thursday night. Bolivar Main Street retained a new amusement vendor this year; Cromer Amusements.

Lebold interjected that parking is going to be a challenge during the festival. He also wants to remind residents that their property does not run to the edge of the street. The Village owns the property to the back side of the sidewalk. Residents can not block off the roadway during the festival. They can block off their driveway but can't block anything else.

FINANCE: - Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to approve the Co-Op purchasing annual membership for \$100.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lapp to discard old office equipment. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to approve the removal of a Village tree on the Willard property. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lapp to approve paying Bolivar Service for the purchase of two (2) backhoe tires in the amount of \$1,300.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to purchase speed bumps from Bumps and Humps up to \$800.00 plus shipping. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to purchase stencils from Echo Signs in the amount of \$400.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd brought up for discussion two annual memberships for the mayor. The Rotary Club costs \$160.00 and the Lions Club is \$75.00 annually. The Mayor said the Rotary Club is a weekly commitment that meets early in the morning and she can't attend more than 1-2 times per month. The Lions Club meets two (2) times per month in the evening. Rotary dues are due now and the

Lions Club dues in the fall. The Mayor reiterated the Rotary is a great organization; she just can't attend as often as she would like.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to approve the Rotary dues in the amount of \$160.00. In a roll call vote, Lang, Lloyd, Slutz & Vincent voted yes; Cochran and Lapp voted no.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to approve the Lions Club dues for the fall in the amount of \$75.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Council had discussion on employee raises. Before making a determination, they asked the Mayor to provide performance reviews on eligible employees. Chief Haugh will need to evaluate his department and submit to the Mayor. The Mayor stated she would have them done by Friday and expects council to get involved and review them once they are complete. Discussion is tabled until June 15th special meeting and possibly as late as July 6th meeting.

PLANNING – Lebold asked Franks if he has anything special coming up for the zoning meeting on Thursday; if not he was going to cancel it for the month. Franks stated he has a resident with questions who is flying in from Texas and will be at the zoning meeting on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

SAFETY – Vincent announced the police cleared 79 calls in the month of May. She also reported that the Chief received two resignations: 1) Ivan Anderson who was hired last month resigned before ever starting employment. 2) David Warrick who has not been actively working for the past couple years has also resigned since he works full time elsewhere. Officers for the Strawberry Festival were also discussed.

The department is also in need of auxiliary officers.

CHIEF – Haugh stated the department is looking for auxiliary and part time officers.

STREET & ALLEY: Slutz reported a few concerned residents were at the street meeting with speed complaints on Yant and Grand Street. Slutz proposing passing an Ordinance to address the concerns. Discussion followed with council. This has been an ongoing concern at the past several street & alley meetings.

Slutz moved, seconded by Lang to suspend the rules for **an Ordinance O-12-2015 to install three way stop signs at the intersection of Yant and Grand**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Slutz moved, seconded by Lang to **approve Ordinance O-12-2015 as an emergency**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Slutz moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve purchasing rumble strips from bumps and humps in the amount of \$750.00. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

ADMINISTRATOR /STREET SUPERINTENDANT – Franks announced he is still accepting applications for the part time position. The terms are \$10.00 per hour at three days per week. Salary may be negotiated with experience.

Franks stated he currently has one applicant who could start June 15 - August when he goes back to college. Franks recommended to council hiring Chase Locker as a seasonal employee. In the meantime, we will continue to advertise for the part time position.

Slutz moved, seconded by Lang to suspend the rules to hire Chase Locker. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Slutz moved, seconded by Lang to approve **Ordinance O-13-2015 to hire Chase Locker as a part-time laborer for the Village of Bolivar; establishing an emergency.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

SHADE TREE – On Wednesday at 10:00a.m. we will be celebrating Arbor Day across from the nursing home. The Village has approximately 15 residents from Hennis Care participating this year. Previously the grade school kids have participated.

RECREATION – none

CLERK/TREASURER – none

LAW DIRECTOR – Armstrong brought forth an Ordinance addressing bad checks received by the Village for water bill payments. There needs to be a policy in place specifying how much to charge for returned check.

Lapp moved, seconded by Lang to suspend the rules to establish an Ordinance addressing returned check. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Lapp moved, seconded by Cochran to approve an **Ordinance O-14-2015 to establish a fee for returned checks; establishing an emergency.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The second item Armstrong brought up to Council is the proposed ordinance to make the Clerk/Treasurers position an appointed Fiscal Officer position. In 2011 Council approved an ordinance to create a Fiscal position but the former clerk didn't submit it in time to the Board of Elections and therefore it couldn't be approved.

Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to suspend the rules for an ordinance combining the duties of the village clerk/treasurer into a fiscal officer position. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to approve an **Ordinance O-15-2015 to combine the duties of the Village Clerk and the Village Treasurer into the appointed Village Fiscal Officer; establishing an emergency.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The last item Armstrong discussed with council is a proposed Ordinance that addresses tax delinquent properties in the Village. Discussion followed as to the dynamics of the ordinance and procedural steps if approved.

Lapp moved, seconded by Cochran to suspend the rules to approve a land reutilization ordinance. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Lang moved, seconded by Cochran to approve an **Ordinance O-16-2015 authorizing the adoption of a land reutilization program and implementing the provisions of chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There being no further business, Lapp moved, seconded by Slutz to adjourn until Monday, June 15, 2015 for a special session of council at 5:30. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be on Monday July 6, 2015. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: _____
Maria A. App, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: _____